

## ARTISTRY IN WINEMAKING SINCE 1982



#### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

#### Composition:

62% Cabernet Franc – Camp 4 & Valley View Vineyards

Camp 4 Vineyard (29%)

Valley View Vineyard (33%)

33% Cabernet Sauvignon - Valley View Vineyard

5% Petit Verdot - Santa Ynez Valley Vineyard

Production: 33 cases

Alcohol by volume: 14.8%

**pH:** 3.66

Titratable acidity: 0.65 g/100ml

Cellaring potential: Seven to ten years

Bottle price: \$70.00

# **2019 EVIDENCE**

Santa Barbara County - Red Wine

#### History

For over 40 years, I've used locally grown grapes to produce my Bordeaux-style wines. During those years, I've explored many local vineyards looking for varietals that best exemplify Santa Barbara County's unique climate and terroir. The results of those explorations are in this bottle. This blend is evidence that our wine region can produce a world class Bordeaux-style blend.

#### The Harvest

During the growing season and harvest of 2019, we experienced mild temperatures which resulted in relatively late harvest dates for the Bordeaux grape varietals. Harvest dates for the varietals in this blend ranged from October 7th to October 21st. The combined average sugar content of the grapes was 24.9 Brix.

## Winemaking

The grapes were 100% destemmed and crushed into small, open-top fermenters. After three days of cold soaking, the musts were inoculated with yeast and fermented for an average of 12 days. The wines were pressed off, settled for several days and then racked to French oak barrels for aging. The wines aged in 20% new French oak barrels for 22 months before they were blended, lightly filtered and bottled in August 2020.

### The Wine

The wine has a very dark ruby color. It has a beautiful, complex array of aromas including violets, lavender, baked cherries and hints of nutmeg and cinnamon. On the palate the wine has flavors of ripe cherries and plums with smooth tannins and excellent acidity. This is a beautifully well-balanced wine that I recommend decanting 40-60 minutes prior to serving.

# **Food Pairings**

This wine will pair well with duck, venison and turkey as well as flavorful cheeses.

Rick Longoria, *Winemaker November 1. 2021* 

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